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To approve SB 371 the majority of this committee must believe that homosexuals deserve many privileges concerning housing, employment, etc. and that straight people and their families would not be offended and prejudiced against as a result of those privileges. I believe that the standards and beliefs of straight people are adversely affected by SB 371 and I hope that you oppose it.

When several states approved similar Hate Crimes Legislation, the public schools were inundated with homosexual curriculums. The resource book entitled "Cootie Shots: Theatrical Inoculations Against Bigotry, for Kids, Parents, and Teachers" targeted kindergarten through 6th grade children, with claims of providing "a fun and constructive way to produce tolerance and diversity." The book entitled "Jesse's Dream Skirt" encouraged cross-dressing. The father of Mike in the book doesn't like his son going to school dressed as a girl and is portrayed as the villain in the book. Paul Selig's lyrics to "In Mommy's High Heels", which accompanies the book, include this stanza:

"So let them say I'm like a girl
What's wrong with being like a girl
And let them jump and jeer and whirl
They are the swine, I am the pearl
And let them laugh and let them scream
They'll be beheaded when I'm Queen
When I rule the World, When I rule the World
When I rule the World in my Mommy's high heels."

Parents were offended, believing at the very least that their children would be confused about their sexuality.

My husband and I lived on Long Island near N.Y.C. for many years, and we witnessed great changes in the Broadway theaters when homosexuals took control of them. We, also, witnessed the beautiful beaches of Long Island converted into homosexual resorts, which totally offended the straight families and caused them to leave beach homes and apartments that had been in their families for years.

Please oppose SB 371 as it will hurt the general public. Its real purpose is to silence and hamstring anyone who is offended by flaunted homosexual behavior. The First Amendment right of a religious person to teach that homosexuality is a sin, according to the Bible, Koran, etc. would be denied by SB 371. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."